

Proposed Protection Islands Aquatic Reserve Update



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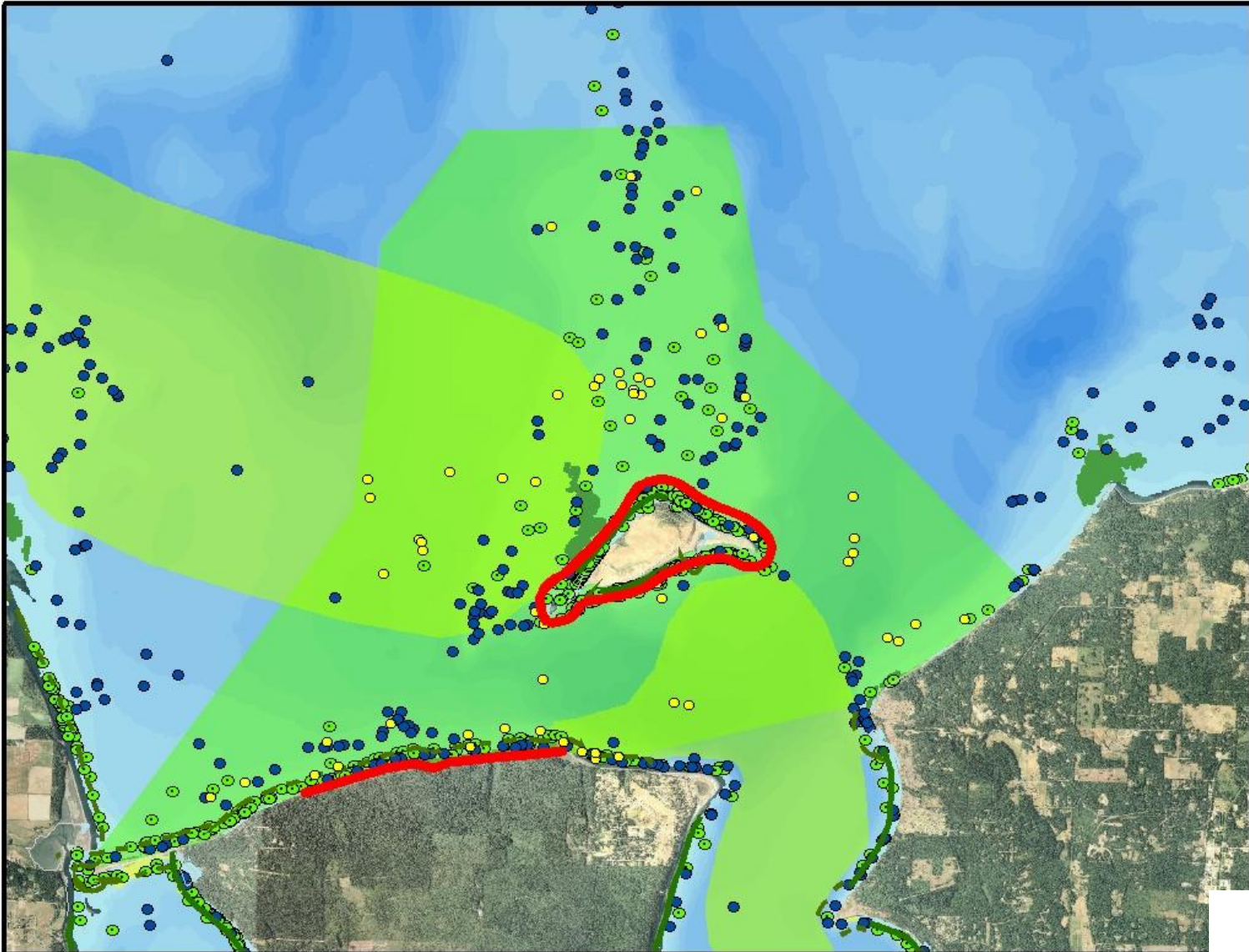
September 1st, 2009

DNR and Puget Sound Aquatic Lands

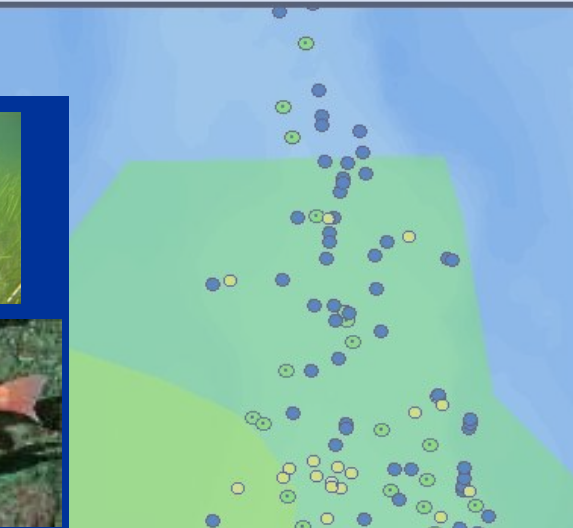
- Steward of 1.9 million acres of Puget Sound, owned by people of Washington
- Water-dependent uses, public use & access, sustainable use of natural resources, environmental protection



Current Aquatic Protection

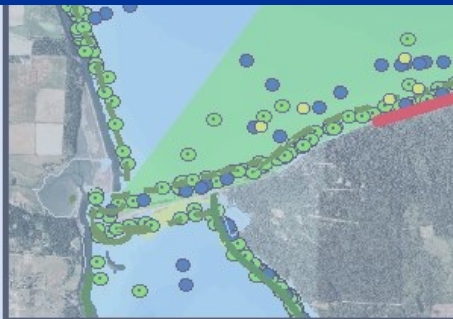


Aquatic Reserves Program



Conservation Targets

DNR land management activities



Management Plan



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Local Opportunity

Help us develop the policies by which DNR will manage uses on these state-owned aquatic lands for the next 90 years.



John Corney
2007

Process & Timeline

Stage 1 – Nomination & Evaluation – Ongoing

- Outreach, public input, scientific evaluation

Stage 2 – Planning & SEPA – Fall 2009

- Management plan development, SEPA Public Review

Stage 3 – Formal Decision – Summer 2010

- DNR Commissioner's Decision on Adoption

Public Outreach

- Began Spring 2008
- Over 35 different groups and individuals
 - PSA, Audubon, homeowner associations, Beach Watchers, Tribes, local governments.

Public Outreach

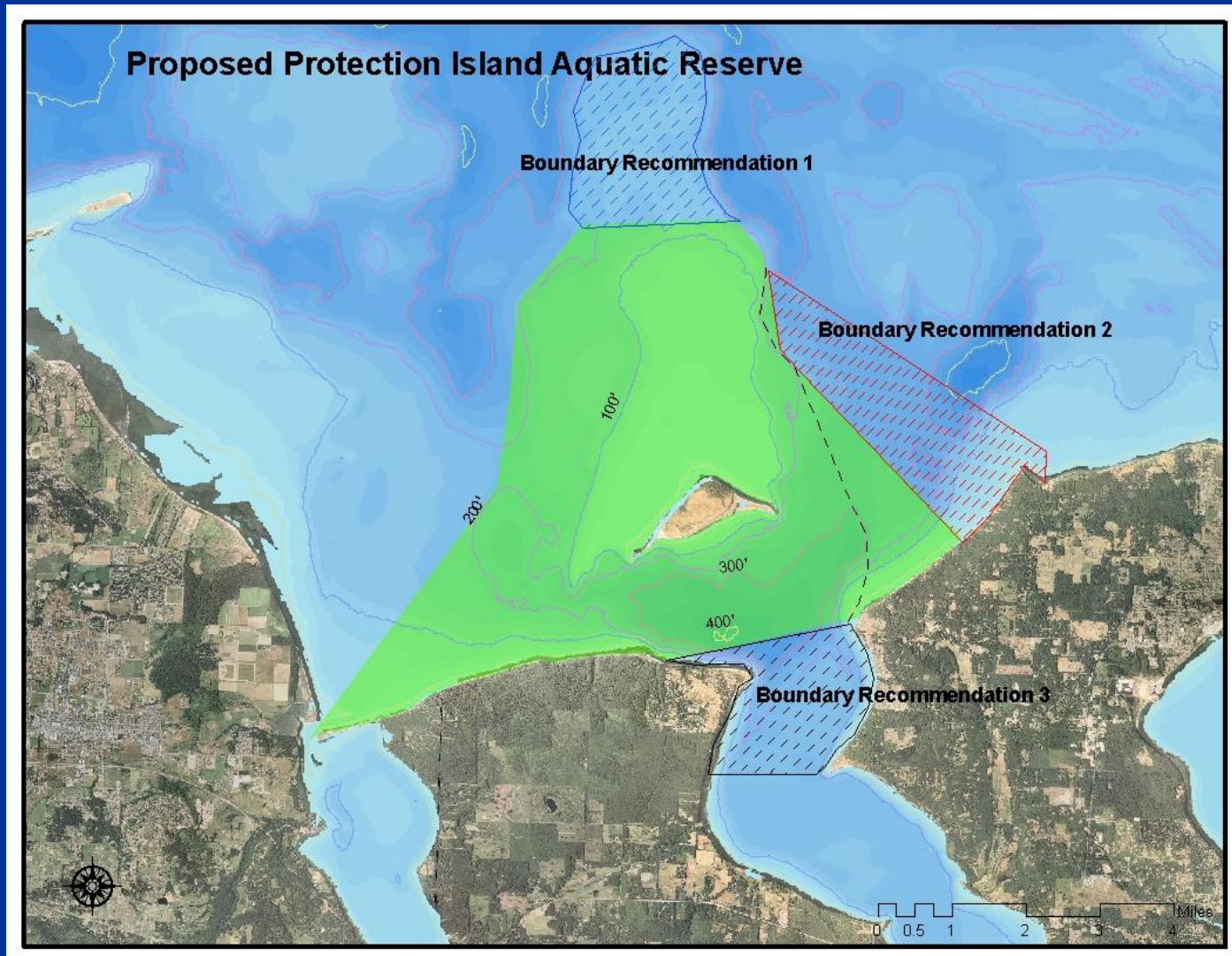
- Identified important issues, uses concerns for site.
- Identified potential stakeholders and partners.

Technical Advisory Committee

- 5 outside scientist
- Reviewed proposal, visited sites, consulted experts
- Developed recommendations
 - Move forward with plan development
 - Proposed boundary modifications
 - Captures more of ecosystem components



Technical Advisory Committee



Next Steps

- Present TAC recommendations to Commissioner
 - Sept 9th
- Commissioner provides direction
 - Move forward with planning or not
 - Planning process to follow

MRC Feedback

- Recommendations on potential planning process
 - Formal advisory committee
 - Meet every 2 to 3 months throughout process
 - Estimate 9 to 12 months
 - Informal process
 - Individual partner/stakeholder meetings
 - Regular updates